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SUBJECT: OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF USED NEWSPRINT

1. MEDIA GENERAL, INC. PARENT COMPANY OF ONE OF LARGEST US USERS OF USED NEWSPAPER HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION POSSIBLE CONCERNING ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF SEPTEMBER 27 STATING THAT FIRM WITH P.O. BOX ADDRESS IN OKINAWA WISHES PURCHASE VERY LARGE QUANTITY USED PAPER FOR DELIVERY KEELUNG, TAIWAN. MEDIA GENERAL IS ALREADY CONSIDERING REQUESTING EXPORT CONTROLS ON USED NEWSPAPER DUE DOMESTIC SHORTAGE AND COMPANY'S DANGEROUSLY LOW INVENTORY AND IS ANXIOUS TO VERIFY IF THIS REPRESENTS GENUINE OFFER TO PURCHASE. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE ON OKINAWA/TAIWAN FIRM WITHOUT UNDERTAKING IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION. MEDIA GENERAL HAS ALSO ASKED IF ANY INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY TAIPEI (I.E. IN EMBASSY FILES) CONCERNING PREDICTIONS OF RAPID INCREASE IN TAIWAN CONSUMPTION USED NEWSPRINT.

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2. TEXT OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE ADVERTISEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

"WANTED TO BUY 500,000 TONS SCRAP NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES,

OTHER. SEND TWO OFFERS FOB YOUR PORT OF EMBARCATION AND

FOB KEELUNG, TAIWAN. SEND OFFERS TO C.I.S., P.O. BOX
249, KOXA CITY, OKINAWA, JAPAN. GIVE FULL DESCRIPTION
AND DETAILS."

END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS
SUBJECT ADDRESSEES CAN DEVELOPE WITH MINIMAL DIVERSION
OF RESOURCES FROM NORMAL EXPORT PROMOTION OBJECTIVES. RUSH

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